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information, the circuit description, and the calculated effects of the induced electromagnetic field.

- 52. (Not amended) The data storage medium according to claim 51, further comprising comparing a result of said calculating a simulated circuit operation to at least one predetermined criterion.
- 53. (Not amended) The data storage medium according to claim 52, further comprising modifying at least one among the circuit description and the placement information based on a result of said comparing.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Independent claims 1, 14, 30, 34 and 50, as amended herein, together with original dependent claims 2-11, 13, 15-27, 29, 31-33, 35-47, 49, and 51-53, remain in this application. Claims 12, 28 and 48 have been canceled.

The indication that claims 12, 28 and 48 would be allowed is appreciatively noted.

The Examiner's objection to the drawings is respectfully traversed. The Examiner is suggesting that applicant show "a susceptibility profile" in its drawings. Applicant submits that one skilled in the art would implicitly comprehend the context of providing and generating susceptibility profiles, and that to require a showing of such in the drawings is unnecessary. Also, given the nature of a susceptibility profile, it should be appreciated that inclusion in a figure is not merited by the invention. For this reason, reconsideration is requested.

Original claims 1-3, 5, 10-11, 13-15, 19, 21, 26-27, 29, 34-35, 39, 41, 46, and 49 were rejected as being anticipated by Kashyap. Original claims 4, 20 and 40 were rejected as being unpatentable over Kashyap. Original claims 30 and 50 were rejected as being unpatentable over Kashyap in view of Natesan, et al. In addition, claims 16-

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18, 31-33, 36-38 and 51-53 were rejected as being unpatentable over Kashyap in view of Natesan, et al., and further in view of Childs.

The above rejections have respectfully been mooted in view of the amendments herein. Applicant has amended each and all of originally presented independent claims to include the common features of allowed claims 12, 28 and 48. Accordingly, each of independent claims 1, 14, 30, 34 and 50, and their dependencies, should now all be allowable.

In light of the foregoing, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application with a view toward allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if a telephone call could help solve any remaining items.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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